ಕೊಟ್ಟ ನಕ್ಕರೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಪು ಫಿರ್ಕಾಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾಲುಭಾಗಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ನಕ್ಕರೆ ಹಂಚಿಕೆಯಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದಕ್ಕಾದರೂ ಕಾಪುಫಿರ್ಕಾಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ನಕ್ಕರೆಯನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟವರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ನಾನು ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಉತ್ತರವನ್ನು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಅಲ್ಲಿ ನಕ್ಕರೆ ಹಂಚಿಕೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಕೆಲವು ದೂರುಗಳು ಬರುತ್ತಿವೆ, ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಕಾಪು ಫಿರ್ಕಾಕ್ಕೆ ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಅನುಸಾರವಾಗಿ ನಕ್ಕರೆಯನ್ನು ಹಂಚಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ತಹಶೀಲ್ದಾರರಿಗೆ ನಾವು ಬರೆದಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

Sri D. PARAMESWARAPPA.—Is it not a fact that the inadequate supply of sugar in the country is due to export of sugar to other countries ?

Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA.—That is one of the reasons. We earn nearly 40 to 50 crores for exchange by exporting sugar. We have therefore to put some restrictions on the distribution of sugar.

Mr. SPEAKER.— Question No. 277. Where is the Hon'ble Minister for Transport ? He was here just now.

(The Minister for Transport then took his seat)

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I had gone to make a study of the likely supplementaries. This question was postponed because the Member concerned was absent.

Boys and Girls below the age of 18 years employed by some private Factory in Bangalore

*Q.—277. **Sri B. NANJAPPA** (Cubbonpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that boys and girls below the age of 18 years have been employed by some of the Private Factories in Bangalore.

(*b*) if so the action taken by them for violating the Labour Laws ?

*A.—**Sri D. DEVARAJ URS** (Minister for Labour, Housing and Transport).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Cases of violation of the provisions of the Factories Act when detected are suitably dealt with under the provisions of the Act.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—Has it come to the notice of Government that boys and girls below 18 years have been employed. How many such cases have been reported and what is the action taken ?

† **Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.**—Only two cases have come to the notice of Government ; one in Bangalore and one in Hassan. I think cases have been launched in the court with regard to the Hassan case.